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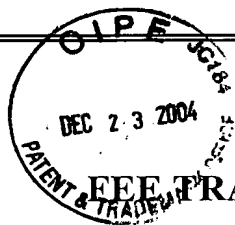
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Traversal and Request for Reconsideration
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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorneys, hereby traverse and request reconsideration of the requirement for election of species set forth in the Official Action dated October 20, 2004 in the above-identified patent application.

At the outset, it is noted that an initial shortened statutory response period of one (1) month was set in the October 20, 2004 Official Action. A petition for a one (1) month extension of the response period is being filed with this Traversal and Request for Reconsideration of Requirement for Restriction, which is being filed before the expiration of the one (1) month extension period.

The requirement for election of species in this case is improper for a number of reasons.

First of all the subject matter identified as the allegedly "patentably distinct species of the claim invention" are not species at all. A fusion protein is not a species, nor is a non-fusion protein. A species of any genus is a specific thing.

More importantly, the present requirement fails to comply with the relevant provisions of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (M.P.E.P.) pertaining to unity of invention determinations.

The present application was filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 as a U.S. national stage application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

As stated in 1893.03(d) of the M.P.E.P.:

Examiners are reminded that unity of invention (not restriction) practice is applicable in international applications (both Chapter I and II) and in national stage (filed under 35 U.S.C. 371) applications...

The principles of unity of invention are used to determine the types of claimed subject matter and the combination of claims to different categories of invention that are permitted to be included in a single international or national stage patent application. The basic principle is that an application should relate to only one invention or, if there is more than one invention, that applicant would have a right to include in a single application only those inventions which are so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

A group of inventions is considered linked to form a single general inventive concept where there is a technical relationship among the inventions that involves at least one common or corresponding special technical feature. The expression special technical features is defined as meaning those technical features that define the contribution which each claimed invention, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art....

In the present case, all of the pending claims include as the special technical feature the Tek protein epitopes set forth in claim 104. Indeed, claim 115, which is directed to a fusion protein, is dependent from claim 104. Clearly, these are related inventions and not patentably distinct.

The impropriety of this requirement is underscored by the fact that there was no lack of unity objection during the international stage of this application. Rather, the subject matter of all of the claims was treated as a single inventive concept.

As the October 20, 2004 Official Action fails to comply with established United States Patent and Trademark Office unity of invention practice, it is respectfully submitted that this requirement should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

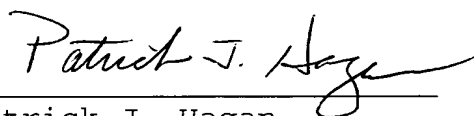
In order to be fully responsive to the above-mentioned requirement, applicants hereby elect nucleic acid molecules encoding non-fusion proteins. Claims 104-114 and 117-132 are believed to read on the elected subject matter.

Applicants' election in response to the present requirement for election of species is without prejudice to their right to file one or more continuing applications, as provided in 35 U.S.C. §121, on the subject matter of any claims finally held withdrawn from consideration in this application.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,

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